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State of the University address

Glassman announces retirement plans

By Corryn Brock
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University President David Glassman announced his intentions to retire in June 2023 pending a one-year contract offer from the Board of Trustees.

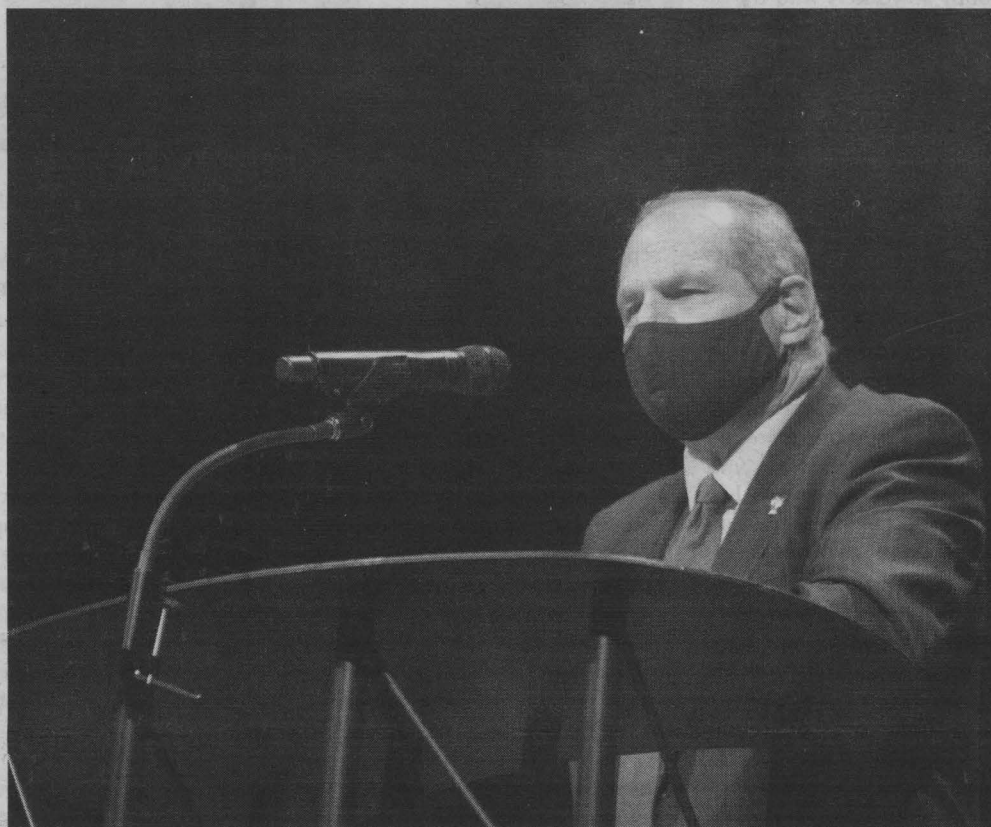
His current contract ends on May 31, 2022.

Glassman has served in his role as president since 2015, when he came in amid a state budget impasse that impacted the enrollment and finances of the university.

"Given my age, and that I've been in the higher education now, this will be my 42nd year, there comes a time (when I should be) turning attention to different opportunities, or attention to my family. It seems like a good time, you know, taking the university through budgetary impasse, and then setting the course for regrowing enrollment and solidifying academic excellence of our campus, and then now, going through COVID and helping to navigate the university through that," Glassman said. "I think it's probably the right time for me."

After navigating the university through two crises, first a financial crisis and then a global pandemic, Glassman said the two had similarities and differences.

"The budgetary impasse was disappointing, because in my mind, in my view, it should never have happened. It was a political issue. And to have gone for two years without a budget was just an extremely difficult, unnecessary and crippling action, relative to our campus. And we have come back from that and we're as strong as we are, but that, shouldn't have ever happened," Glassman said. "The pandemic has been equally challenging, but nobody caused it



BY ASHANTI THOMAS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

President Glassman delivers his State of the University address in the Dvorak Concert Hall Wednesday afternoon.

for any other reasons outside of the natural environment. And so, although it was unprecedented, and it certainly has not happened before in my lifetime, these are the challenges that we have to rise together and do what's necessary to help ourselves and our university move forward and we've done an excellent job through it. And so I'm really proud of what we did in both the budgetary impasse, and the pandemic, both were very, very difficult. But the budgetary impasse, that just should never have occurred."

Glassman said he believes there is a good chance he could be offered an extension on his contract but does not believe any changes would be made to the contract.

He said he informed the Board of his intention to retire after making the decision a week and a half ago.

"It's kind of been a difficult decision because I

said I was probably going to retire after my two-year extension," Glassman said. "And they were hoping that I would stay... (but) when I notified them, the responses that I got were very complimentary and pleasing so that's why I think that that they will (offer the extension)."

Glassman stated in his address that he is currently planning to retire from the presidency and return to the faculty and a professor of anthropology.

In Glassman's current contract, he is granted tenure as a full professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, but is not expected to teach courses, conduct research or perform other tasks typically expected of full professors while he serves as president.

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Objectives, concerns discussed

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University President David Glassman spoke on the six goals he has for the university in the current academic year during his State of the University address Wednesday afternoon.

His goals included the continuation of his Vitalization Plan; improving the aesthetic and functionality of the campus; a continued focus on student success; a strong focus on student recruitment; a greater commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion and to encourage people to reengage in the campus community after a loss in connections due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Glassman's goals

Glassman stated he, along with Eastern Provost Jay Gatrell, plan to create a new five-year strategic plan in conjunction with the Vitalization Plan he enacted in 2016.

Glassman said his Vitalization Plan has led Eastern "to enrollment growth, annually balanced budgets, new academic programming, sustained academic excellence, and an increased ability to provide our students with a positive living and learning environment."

He added the five-year plan may be delayed due to the uncertainty the Delta variant is causing.

In regard to campus-wide improvements, Glassman spoke on some current projects the

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Student Senate hears Speaker of the Senate nominations

By Kyara Morales-Rodriguez
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The Student Senate heard nominations for Speaker of the Senate during their meeting Wednesday.

Senator Katelynn Alexander, a senior political science student, was nominated for Speaker of the Senate. After a discussion period, the nomination was tabled.

Alexander said that she would qualify for the Speaker of the Senate position because she has gained leadership skills from her involvement in school.

"In high school, I was pretty much involved in anything and everything that I could be, so I think my leadership skills developed and started from a really young age," Alexander said. "And then, when I was a junior, I joined the National Guard, which I've had numerous leadership roles in that as well, so that also really helps."

She is also involved with registered student organizations at Eastern. Along with being Senator and the co-chair of the External Relations Committee, Al-

exander is currently the president of Political Science Association, the president of American Sign Language Club.

"I'm very organized and motivated, so I think those would be also two things that would keep me on track and accomplish goals that we have set for student government," Alexander said.

Alexander said that though she is balancing many different responsibilities at once, she will be capable of doing her job as Speaker of the Senate efficiently if she is elected for it.

"I've always pretty much been involved in things as long as I could be, so I've had a lot of experience with balancing schedules and prioritizing things, so I think that will help me a lot, especially if I get the speaker position, because I have experience with doing a lot and being involved in a lot and still being able to manage and organize all of that," Alexander said.

If she is elected Speaker, Alexander said she has some goals in mind, some being to focus more on student outreach and representation.

"Currently, I think there is a large disconnect be-

tween student government and the student body, and I think we need more and better representation," Alexander said. "One way that I think that that can be started is allowing more access to student government events and information to promote involvement and to help students learn."

Alexander said that her goal is to expand on the information that is given to the student body regarding the Student Senate so they have a better understanding of it. She said she wants the Senate to have an effective partnership with students and faculty.

She said that she wants to "help students learn about what student government is, whether they're interested in joining or just knowing how we can help them or how they can be involved."

She said she wants to help students learn more about student government through events that can give them a break from academics.

Alexander also said one of her goals is to increase the Senate membership.

"My second goal is student government expansion, so obviously, increasing the Senate member-

ship so that we're always meeting quorum so that the meetings are official and we can get things done."

She said she not only wants to increase membership, but also participation within the Student Senate and its committees.

"I think that that's a really important goal because without the membership, we can't really do our job and be able to represent the student body," Alexander said. "Because there is such a large student body, we need to have a large student government, so that we're having proper representation, and now we're able to actually implement change."

Alexander's final goal is bylaw revision completion, something that has been discussed at previous Student Senate meetings.

"If I was elected, that would be one of my major goals, would be to help the Bylaw Committee complete redrafting the bylaws, so that they're updated with the current student government standards," Alexander said.

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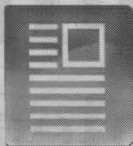


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'A Bright New Boise' premieres Thursday

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A man stands at the center of the stage, illuminated by a single yellow light. For a few moments, all is still besides the sounds of his ragged breathing echoing across the room. Slowly, he looks up and shouts: "Now!"

He waits for a moment before shouting the word again and again—faster, quicker, louder, as if he were desperately pleading with someone to deliver the divine judgement he has been waiting for.

His pleas are met with silence and the stage fades to black.

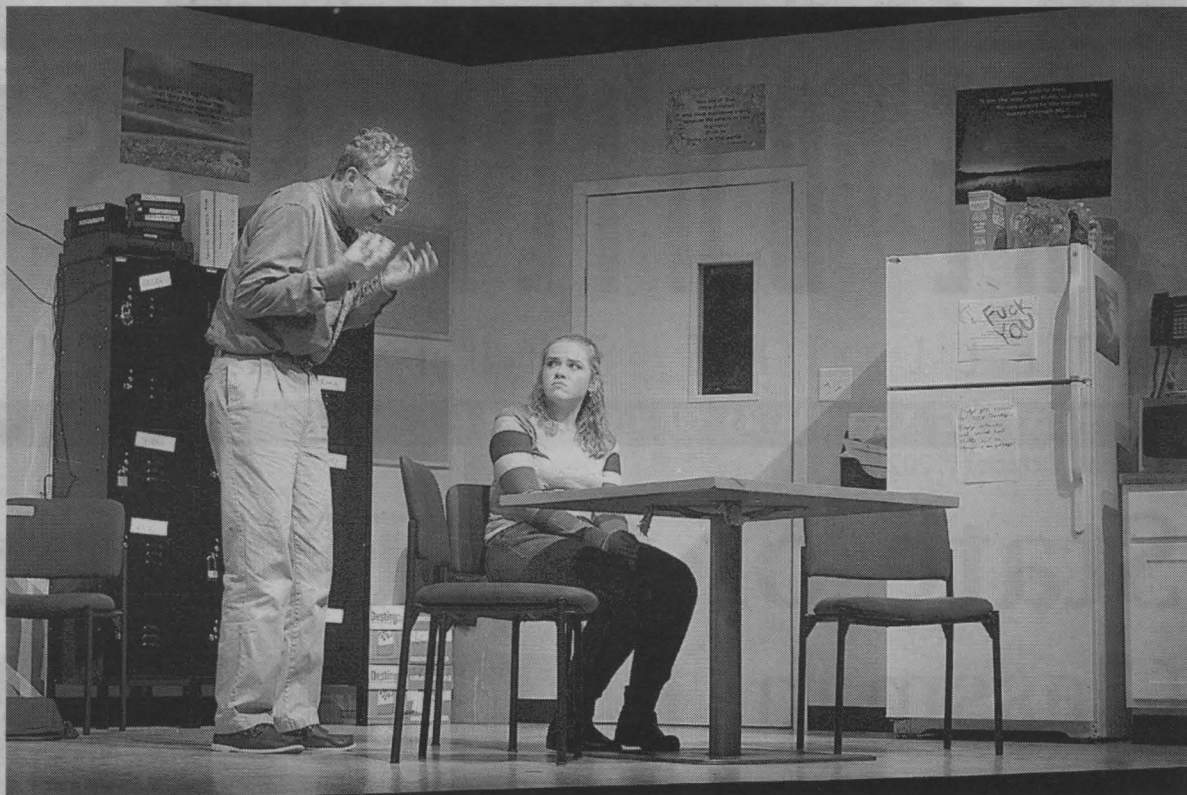
A dark comedy called A Bright New Boise will be coming to the Black Box at the Doudna Fine Arts Center Thursday night. The play centers around five Hobby Lobby coworkers who try to find meaning in their minimum wage jobs as well as their individual lives through their faith and personal philanthropies.

Anne Thibault, director for A Bright New Boise and theatre professor, said that the play is a play of ideas.

"People can find their own journey through the play," Thibault said. "There's not sort of big idea being hammered home."

As each character enters the stage, a new set of ideas, morals and meaning is presented to the audience. Slowly, each character begins to trust one more co-worker, connecting with them in some way—be it through uncomfortable conversation or staying late to connect to the Wi-Fi.

Max Deremiah, senior musical theatre performance major, said her character, Pauline, brings order to the chaos that takes over Hobby Lobby through the play.



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Actors in Doudna Fine Arts Center do a dress rehearsal for A Bright New Boise.

"Pauline has everything in order, everything has its own place, everything is a certain way, and Will is the source of chaos for her," Deremiah said. "She has lost control of everything that she has set pride in, and I think reconnecting with herself is definitely a journey through the play."

After a year and a half of living through the COVID-19 pandemic, Thibault said she related to the play because of the characters' struggles to connect with one another.

"We were all trying to find a new way to connect and finding new ways to cross gaps and to create bridges, so

that's what this play is about to me," Thibault said. "It's about: What is family? Who is family, and what does that mean? But it's mostly about trying to be alive in the world and trying to create a connection with another person."

Haylie Denzer, a senior theatre performance major and Anna in the play, said it's terrifying to be back in live theatre after a year of videotaping plays. She said it was easy to get inside her head while they taped, but she loves hearing the audience react to their lines.

"It's just an energy that you can't recreate anywhere else other than in a theatre," Denzer said. "So it's just awe-

some, and obviously since COVID, we haven't really had a sense of community, or at least as tight nit as it was before, so getting to come back is just really great."

A Bright New Boise will premier Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box at the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Tickets for A Bright New Boise will be available at the ticket office in the Doudna Fine Arts Center or can be found online at <https://www.eiu.edu/doudna/events.php?id=610>.

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Senator Jasmine Yusef, a junior double majoring in English and philosophy, was the one who nominated Alexander for Speaker.

Yusef said that from her experience working with Alexander on the Internal Affairs Committee last year, she feels confident Alexander would be a good Speaker of the Senate.

"...Despite the pandemic and her being online completely, we were able to complete two pretty big events," Yusef said. "We were able to collectively work together despite her being away and accomplish everything that we set out to do, and I think we did so effectively."

She also said that though Alexander is involved in lots of different organizations, she thinks Alexander will be able to balance it all.

"If you see that she's the president of two organizations and you wonder 'Will she have the time?', she will make the time," Yusef said. "She makes sure

that the things she's involved in, she gives her 100 percent, and that's why I think she'd be a really good Speaker."

The Student Senate also approved the appointment of several senators into the following committees:

Appointed Senators

- Billie Frazier to the University Naming Committee
- Lashay Powell to the Sexual Assault Task Force
- Tamia Flowers to the Sexual Assault Prevention Team
- Jason Tabit to the Student Dean Advisory Council
- Grace West to the Student Dean Advisory Council
- Carolyn Karns to the Student Dean Advisory Council
- Kayla Crowder to the Student Dean Advisory Council

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CAA to vote on new biology course

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The Council on Academic Affairs will vote on the "Human Biology" course during its meeting.

The description of the course says it will focus on "the structure and function of the human organism in the broader context of biological systems," if approved.

It will also include, "biological chemistry, cell structure, cell division, genetics, evolution and human ecological impact while providing abroad overview of human anatomy, physiology and organization."

The course will be a lab and lecture course.

Human Biology would replace an existing course titled "Human

Physiology," to align with the Illinois Articulation Initiative.

The course would not be suitable for biological science majors or minors due to it being a general education course, according to the proposal.

Two agenda items focus on a certificate in applied ethics, as well as concerns and recommendations for it.

The council will also hear an item regarding Eastern's admissions policy.

The council will meet in the Witters Conference Room of Booth Library at 2 p.m. Thursday.

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Glassman's retirement

During the State of the University address Wednesday, University President David Glassman announced his intentions of retiring from the presidency in June 2023.

Glassman has had an eventful presidency, to say the least.

He came in during a state budget impasse that crippled Eastern and set Eastern back on track to stability just in time for a global pandemic to strike and shut the university down mid-semester.

Though he is not always favored by the campus community, we feel it is important to emphasize the work he has done for Eastern.

He kept the university functioning in a time when many, including Eastern, feared they would have to shut their doors after the state cut off funding. Though he was a part of major layoffs at the university, he stood by and did what had to be done for Eastern to be standing here today.

We cannot imagine the pressure he must have felt during that time, but we at The Daily Eastern News are grateful he did what he had to do so that we could continue (or start) our education at the institution we love dearly.

Often in our work for The News, we find ourselves butting heads with administrators. It is to be expected, but we also must give credit where credit is due.

Glassman cares about Eastern and its students. He has made difficult decisions for the university and faced backlash from those choices.

We may not always agree with him or the choices he makes, but we can say with certainty that being our university's president through some of the worst times this institution has seen has earned him our respect.

We're wishing you the best, Glassman.

Quote of the Day:

"As expected, there has been rumor and speculation about my future plans. Some rumors had me gone last year. Obviously, I better get out of the office more so you all know I'm still around."

David Glassman

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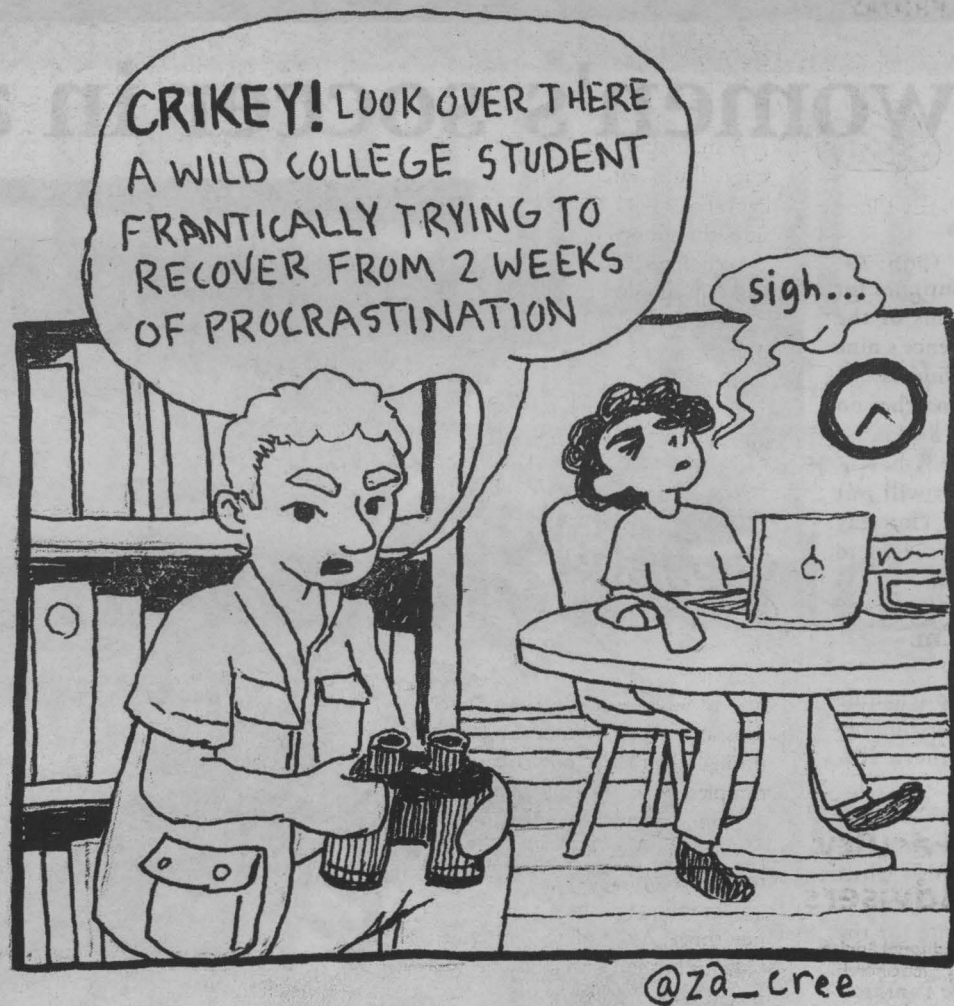
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BY ZACH BERGER

Body positivity starts from body neutrality

I have always had an interesting relationship with my body. Starting at a young age I knew that there was something different about the way that I viewed my body compared to others. It wasn't until I was older that I realized I experience gender dysphoria. For me, gender dysphoria is an intense discomfort between the body I am in and my gender. I view my body as inherently female, even though I don't feel like a woman.

This led to me wearing nothing but sweatpants and hoodies as a way to cover all the parts of my body that I didn't want to see. When I looked in the mirror, I saw a girlish figure staring back at me, but it never looked like what I imagined myself to be.

I hated what I looked like. There were days where I wanted to tear the chest off my body. Eventually, I knew that I needed to say something about it to someone. So, I talked to my therapist. She gave me the official diagnosis of gender dysphoria and we started to work on it.

There is no cure for the pain I experience, but there are things to elevate it. For



Elise Keane

me it started with the idea of body neutrality. It is the concept that you can exist with your body without thinking about it. Your body is neither good nor bad and it is just a body.

This took a lot of time to understand. I had to rework every negative thought that came into my head about my body. I wish my thighs were smaller would have to turn into my thighs get me to the places I want to go. Slowly, I was able to turn the negatives into neutrals.

Now, I am trying to get to a place of body positivity. I've found that the hardest parts for me to accept are the parts of my

body that changed during quarantine. They felt like a constant reminder of all the horrible things that happened during lockdown. I want nothing more than to put it all behind me, but my stretch marks and stomach stare back at me every day with a reminder. However, recently I realized that during that time my body also transitioned into an adult one.

I am no longer the child that I was when we first entered quarantine. Of course my body was going to change. I am the happiest I have ever been, and my body took every step to get there. My body deserves appreciation for that.

Immediately shifting my thoughts from negative to positive felt like an impossible task, but when I replaced the negative thoughts with neutral ones, I felt like I had ownership over my journey. It became a lot easier to manage. Soon the neutrals will turn into positive ones.

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The best places to study on campus

With midterms coming up, you probably need to study. The problem is where to study though!

Your dorm may have some noisy neighbors or slamming doors. There are plenty of cool spaces to buckle down and focus on campus. Today, we are going on a mini field trip!

The first place is Java Beanery and Bakery. This is a coffee shop located in the MLK Jr. Union. The closest door to the shop is across the street from the Fine Arts Center.

This is personally my go to place. I am there in the mornings, and it is not too busy. You can easily grab a snack or drink while studying. The white noise of people talking rids the space of awkward quietness. The AC is on usually, so it is a bit chilly, but that is what I like about it. It's perfect for group studying too! I would avoid it if you needed complete quiet to focus though.

The second place is the Mellin Steps. These "steps" are outside of Doudna in the Library Quad. They are not hard to miss either!

This is the perfect place to go if you like



Ellen Dooley

studying outside and need creativity. You may see some passing musicians or artists. Do not be surprised if a squirrel comes to study with you either. The steps are solid concrete, so they may become uncomfortable after a while. It's best to bring a pillow or blanket that you do not mind getting a little dirty. There is plenty of room to space out and have your own little area. The best time would be later afternoon after the bulk of classes is over.

Check if there is a group meeting on the steps, since some RSOs meet to have events.

You may also see PMB rehearsing!

The third place is the library. It is practically old reliable. Booth Library has a wide variety of resources you can use. Need to print a study guide? You can print in black and white for free!

There are also people who can help you find different materials. There is a mixture of comfy furniture, tables and chairs for your preference. The library also has multiple levels, so you can find your perfect spot.

This would be your ideal setting if you need quietness and a place of your own. I would not suggest the library if you do not like silence or an academic and classroom like setting.

There are many more nooks and crannies used for studying on campus. It is all about finding what is right for you. Studying can be a stressful time, but finding the right place can possibly ease the tension. Happy studying!

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OVC women's soccer in action Thursday

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As conference play continues for the women's soccer teams of the OVC, eight of the conference's nine teams will be in action Thursday.

There are four OVC matches on the schedule, with only Southeast Missouri having the day off.

Three unbeaten teams will put their hot starts to the test Thursday while two winless teams will look to break into the win column.

SIUE at Eastern, 3 p.m.

The first match on the schedule Thursday is an in-state matchup between Eastern and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

The Panthers are one of two teams in the conference with a 1-1-1 record to open OVC play while the Cougars are off to a 2-0 start.

Eastern will be at home for the match, and Lakeside Field has been the site of all three of the Panthers' overall wins this season.

They are 3-2-1 overall at home, whereas Southern Illinois-Edwardsville is 2-4 on the road.

In their matchup last season, the Cougars beat the Panthers 7-0. It was the largest loss in program history for Eastern and it was the Cougars' biggest win against an OVC opponent in program history.

This season, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville is averaging 2 goals per game, tied for the top scoring average in the conference.

Eastern ranks fifth in the conference with its average of .818 goals per game.

Austin Peay at Morehead State, 5 p.m.

Austin Peay will be looking for its first win of the OVC season



Eastern forward/midfielder Niondina Nystrom kicks the ball upfield in a match against Chicago State on Sept. 3 at Lakeside Field. Eastern won the match by a score of 1-0.

against 1-1-1 Morehead State.

The Governors have opened conference play with a pair of shut-out losses.

Morehead State won the matchup of these two teams last season, outlasting the Governors 3-2 in double overtime.

These two teams have posted similar numbers this season, with Austin Peay scoring 8 goals and allowing 17 and Morehead State scoring 9 goals and also allowing 17.

Murray State at Belmont, 6:30 p.m.

The third match on Thursday will put another of the OVC's unbeaten teams to the test.

Belmont (2-0) will host Murray State (1-1), Belmont will be at home, where the Bruins have posted a 4-1 record this season.

Murray State is 2-4 on the road this season. The Racers hosted Belmont last season, beating the Bruins 3-1.

Offensively, Murray State has been the top team in the OVC this season. The Racers have scored 22 goals this season. Belmont is fourth in the conference in scoring this season with 10 goals.

Tennessee-Martin at Tennessee Tech, 7 p.m.

This matchup will feature the OVC's only 3-0 team in Tennessee-Martin. The Skyhawks have beaten Austin Peay, Eastern and Southeast

Missouri, with the last two wins being by scores of 4-1.

Tennessee Tech lost its conference opener 4-3 in overtime against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and then lost to Morehead State 1-0.

Tennessee-Martin has allowed 11 goals this season, the fewest in the conference, while Tennessee Tech is averaging .571 goals per game, the lowest mark in the OVC.

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Conference play continuing for OVC volleyball teams

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The volleyball teams of the OVC are getting deeper into conference play.

Most of the conference now has five matches under their belts, with a few teams having played four matches in OVC play.

Only two teams in the conference have yet to lose, and they are Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech.

Both teams have dropped just 3 sets in their four conference matches.

They also both rank right in the middle of the conference in kills per set, with Austin Peay ranking fifth and Tennessee Tech ranking sixth.

Tennessee-Martin also has four wins in conference play, and sits in third place at 4-1.

The Skyhawks do not jump off the page statistically, but they have been able to win four matches in a row after dropping their conference opener to Belmont.

The only other team in the OVC with a record over .500 is 3-2 Southeast Missouri.

The Redhawks opened conference play 1-2 before winning two 3-0 matches against Belmont to climb above .500.

Southeast Missouri's hitting percentage of .210 ranks second in the OVC.

Murray State and Morehead State are both 2-2 this season. They got there when Morehead State beat Murray State twice over the weekend.

Morehead State is near the middle of the conference in most statistical categories.

Murray State, however, is leading the conference by a wide margin with 14.63 kills per set. In fact, the Racers rank third in the nation in this category.

Belmont sits at 2-3 in conference play after dropping three matches in a row.

The Bruins have the lowest hitting percentage in the conference so far this season and rank ninth in kills per set.

Tennessee State and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville are both 1-4 to start conference season.

Tennessee State ranks second in the conference in kills per set, but has seen this number decrease in conference play.

SIUE recently picked up its first conference win, but still ranks last in the OVC in kills and assists.

Eastern is 0-5 in conference play this season. The Panthers rank eighth in both hitting percentage and kills while leading the conference in service aces per set.

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Eastern outside hitter Kylie Michael connects on a kill attempt in a match against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville on Oct. 5 in Lantz Arena. Michael had 7 kills in the match, which Eastern lost 3-1.

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